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STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR JAN BREWER

PHOENIX – "President Burns' comments are regrettable and terribly unproductive. I never did, and I never would agree to destructive long-term cuts to education, public safety, and care for our most vulnerable populations without providing the opportunity to voters to mitigate them.

"It was an unfair and failed strategy to hold the budget for weeks in violation of the Arizona Constitution. I choose not to take President Burns' comments personally, because I recognize he is very angry right now. Politics is often very difficult, and President Burns has a tremendous leadership burden. I continue to have respect for him as he struggles to fulfill the challenges of his office.

"Monday is a new day, a new beginning, and a new chance to develop a smart and reasonable compromise to win a consensus."

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